

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House of Representatives and Senate met in Joint Session to receive the President's State of the Union message.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S833–S908

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 257–271, S. Res. 34–35, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Page S886**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 34, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 35, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page S886**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 39, providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S908**

Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General. **Pages S834–73**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination following 2 hours of morning business on Thursday, February 3, 2005. **Page S908**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held tonight, Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at 9 p.m. **Pages S907–08**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 2, 2005; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–2) **Pages S878–81**

Messages From the House: **Pages S881–82**

Measures Referred: **Page S882**

Executive Communications: **Pages S882–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S886–87**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Page S887**

Additional Statements: **Pages S878–S907**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S907**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 10:07 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, February 3, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S908.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Tsunami Warning System, and S. 50, to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, after receiving testimony from Senators Frist and Landrieu; John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Brigadier General John J. Kelly, USAF (Ret.), Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation; Roger A. Hansen, Alaska Earthquake Information Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Eileen L. Shea, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Daniel T. Cox, Oregon State University College of Engineering, Corvallis.